

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by ..... [your name, call sign and QTH]

The South African Radio League broadcasts a news bulletin each Sunday in Afrikaans and English at 08:15 and 08:30 Central African Time respectively on HF and various VHF and UHF repeaters around the country. The bulletin is relayed on Echolink by Johan, ZS6JPL. The audio bulletins can be downloaded from the League website at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) while the text bulletin can be downloaded from <https://sarlnwsbulletin.wordpress.com/>. To join the MailChimp bulletin mailing list, send an e-mail to the SARL Secretary.

In the news today:

THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT (PoPIA)

THE AMSAT-SA SPACE SYMPOSIUM ON 10 JULY

and

THE RADAR CHALLENGE AND THE IARU HF CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT WEEKEND

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

We begin this bulletin with the news of four Silent Keys:

It is with deep regret that we announce that the keys of Hans Breebaart, ex-ZS6AXC, Phil Kauffman-Sorenson, ZS2NP, Johann de Beer, ZR6YV and IARU Region 1 Vice President Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR have gone silent.

Hans passed away on Thursday 10 June and Phil on Tuesday 29 June, while Johan passed away on Wednesday 30 June. Johan was a member of the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club and will be remembered for his contribution with providing radio communications on Motor Rallies. Faisal passed away on Friday 2 July 2021 following a prolonged period of hospitalisation with COVID. He had been Region 1 Vice President since the 2014 General Conference and was an energetic and active supporter of amateur radio in the Arab world and globally.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of these radio amateurs.

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#### THE ZS5 SPRINT THIS AFTERNOON

The ZS5 Sprint will be run from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC (16:00 to 17:00 CAT) this afternoon Sunday 4 July 2021 with CW and phone activity on 40 metres. The exchange for ZS5 stations is a RS or RST report and the town name, while others give a RS or RST report and provincial or country abbreviation. Logs, in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel format must be submitted by 23:59 CAT on Friday 9 July 2021 by e-mail to [zs5contest@harc.org.za](mailto:zs5contest@harc.org.za). Get all the information on page 79 of the 2021 Blue Book.

#### THE AMSAT-SA SPACE SYMPOSIUM ON 10 JULY

The Space symposium will be held on Saturday 10 July 2021 starting at 10:00 CAT on the BlueJeans platform. Registration for SARL and AMSAT SA members is free. Learners and students can register free when providing their student numbers or school details. Non-members pay a nominal fee. At writing of this edition of SARL News over 50 registrations have been received including one from Japan. The programme features an impressive group of speakers and exciting new subjects. The full programme can be downloaded from the SARL and AMSATSA website. Book before 12:00 CAT on Friday 9 July! Join local and international speakers at the AMSAT SA Space symposium

#### AMSAT-SA SIGNS A MOU WITH THE UCT SPACE SOC.

AMSAT-SA and SpaceSoc will cooperate in Satellite projects and will jointly identify and apply for launch opportunities. The first application for a launch was submitted by UCT SpaceSoc to the UNOOSA Access to Space programme. Several other opportunities are being explored. AMSAT SA and UCT Space Soc are also planning several other projects involving amateur radio.

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#### SARL NEXT GENERATION BEACON FUND NOW R20 400

The SARL beacon fund increased this week to R20 400. The fund was started by AMSAT SA as a crowd funding project to generate enough funds to construct

and install a SARL next generation beacon in the Karoo and the Western Cape. Thanks to all amateurs and clubs that have contributed. Please become part of this initiative and donate to the SARL beacon fund. To contribute go to [www.amsatsa.org.za](http://www.amsatsa.org.za) and click on the R50, R250 or R1 000 button. You will be transported to the Payfast website, a secure payment channel, where you can enter your credit card details. There is also a beacon link on the SARL home page. Your donation can make the difference and take amateur radio science forward.

#### CONTEST NEWS

The RaDAR “Challenge” is a unique event aimed at promoting the use of Rapidly Deployable Amateur Radio stations. The second leg runs from 00:00 UTC to 23:59 UTC on Saturday 10 July 2021, but RaDAR operators will decide on their maximum, single period, four-hour activity. Activity is on all bands and modes except QSOs via terrestrial FM repeaters. The RaDAR Challenge is not considered to be a contest but an individual challenge. The exchange is your call sign, your name, a RS, RST or RSQ report and your 8- or 10-character grid locator. Log sheets must be submitted by 23:59 CAT on Thursday 15 July 2021 by e-mail to [edleighton@gmail.com](mailto:edleighton@gmail.com). Get all the rules on page 100 of the 2021 Blue Book.

The IARU HF Championships takes place from 12:00 UTC on Saturday 10 July and ends at 11:59 UTC on Sunday 11 July 2021 with CW and phone activity on 160 to 10 metres with the aim to contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU Member Society HQ stations, around the world as possible. The ZS9HQ needs operators for the contest, but you can operate from your own station using the HQ call sign. If you can operate that weekend, send your details to [contest@sarl.org.za](mailto:contest@sarl.org.za) and [hfmanager@sarl.org.za](mailto:hfmanager@sarl.org.za).

Twenty-one logs were received for the third leg of the SARL 40 m Grid Square Sprint held on Saturday 19 June 2021. From the logs it was noted that “Learn to Listen” is important! The full list of results was published in HF Happenings 753

1st the West Rand ARC – 402 points (13 logs)

2nd the Hibiscus Coast ARC – 120 points (3 logs)

3rd the Northern Cape ARC - 110 points (2 logs)

Individual scores

1st Sid, ZS5H – 80 points

2nd Gerhard, ZS3TG - 79 points

3rd Woody, ZS3WL - 69 points

Twenty-seven logs were received for the SARL 2021 Top Band QSO Party which took place from 21 to 25 June 2021. Considering that the band conditions were

extremely challenging, the 85 stations participating made 825 QSOs. Participation certificates will be issued to all SARL members that submitted a log in due course. The full results will be published in HF Happenings 754.

1st Johannes van Zijl - ZS4DZ - 140

2nd Thanie Gibson, ZS4AZ - 138

3rd Gerhard Coetzee, ZS3TG - 128

#### PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low levels. There are currently three sunspot regions visible. Minor C-class or M-class flaring activity is expected. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around thirty. The 17 to 30 m bands will provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website [spaceweather.sansa.org.za](http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za) for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

This afternoon – the ZS5 Sprint

10 July – the RaDAR Challenge and the AMSAT SA Space Symposium

10 and 11 July – the IARU HF Championship

12 July – the West Rand ARC meeting

17 July – the Winter QRP contest and the Magalies and Highway ARCs meetings

18 July – the ZS2 Sprint

19 July – provincial schools reopen (we hope)

20 July – the PEARS and Border ARC meetings

21 July – the SARL 80 m Club Sprint

24 July – the Cape Town ARC meeting

24 and 25 July – the Islands on the Air Contest.

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to be included in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio programme, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by courtesy of Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY, can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments, and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to [artoday@sarl.org.za](mailto:artoday@sarl.org.za).

You have listened to a news bulletin compiled by Dennis Green, ZS4BS, edited by Dave Reece, ZS1DFR and read by .....

From the news team, best wishes for the week ahead.